

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that all of the claims in the application were allowed and that the only remaining issue was a formal execution of a proposed Supplemental Declaration by each of the inventors.

Attached hereto is a Declaration executed by each of the inventors with the exception of Ryoichi Sasaki.

Ryoichi Sasaki originally executed the original Reissue Declaration on June 21, 2000.

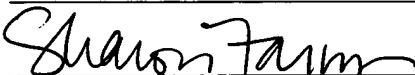
Upon being requested to execute a Supplemental Reissue Declaration, Mr. Sasaki has refused to participate.

Accordingly, Applicants are submitting herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) to accept the present Declaration without the signature of Ryoichi Sasaki.

If there are any questions with regard to this matter, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 24, 2004.

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